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Summary: Poetry, paintings, short stories, hand-dyed cloth, pottery, quilts, knitting, photography, carvings, and calligraphy on exhibit at Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance Gallery.

(September 29, 2009)-The current Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) Gallery exhibit features the artistic expression of members of the Morris Division of Science and Mathematics. Everyone is invited to celebrate their work at a reception during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. Jim Togeas, chemistry, will read from his short story collection at 6 p.m. On the saxophone, Joe Alia, chemistry, will provide music.

Visitors to the gallery, located in downtown Morris, will be amazed by the array of artistic expression included in the exhibition: poetry, paintings, short stories, hand-dyed cloth, pottery, quilts, knitting, photography, carvings, and calligraphy. The exhibit participants include: Sylke Boyd, physics Van Gooch, biology Kristin Kearns, physics Julie Kill, chemistry Kristin Kaster Lamberty, computer science Mark Logan, mathematics Gordon McIntosh, physics Nic McPhee, computer science Mary Shawgo, biology and Jim Togeas, chemistry.

In addition to the works of art, several artist statements are displayed. States photographer Van Gooch: "Every day presents wonderful visual experiences. In my photography, I attempt to show others the beauty and excitement in what I see. The concept of size (after all, I am a scientist) often intrigues me. The enormity of the water tower or the wind turbine often escapes us unless we see it contrasted with more familiar objects such as cows. And I love the micro world and how a whole world of drama can exist on something as simple as a flower."

The Division of Science and Mathematics Invitational Exhibition illustrates the PRCA's mission to advocate, promote, and coordinate arts, heritage, and cultural activities in Stevens County and the surrounding area. States Lori Kurpiers, chair of the PRCA Board of Directors and the exhibits committee: "I'm always thrilled to learn about people's talents in such a wide variety of areas. The show is a beautiful illustration of the liberal arts."

In addition to the reception, the exhibition can be viewed Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Friday, October 30, 2009. The PRCA gallery is located at 630 Atlantic Avenue in Morris.

Photo: Work by Van Gooch on display at the PRCA gallery.

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